

# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

## AND FEE TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

### APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing.)
2. ☒ Specification Total Pages 24
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) Total Sheets 5, FIGS. 1 - 7
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration (Executed) Total Pages 2
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy) Unexecuted
  - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)  
(Note Box 5 below)
    - i. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R.  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked).  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from  
which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied  
under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the  
disclosure of the accompanying application and is  
hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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First Named Inventor or Application Identifier:

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Title: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
SUPPORTING OR SECURING BOARD  
ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT**

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6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer readable copy
  - b. ☐ Paper copy (identical to computer copy)
  - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above  
copies

### 1. Accompanying Application Parts

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents)
9. ☐ 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) Statement ☒ Power of Attorney  
(Copy from prior application)
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
  - a. ☒ Amendment to Claims
    - ☒ Cancel in this application claims  
1-31 and 40-43  
before calculating the filing fee.  
(At least one original independent claim  
must be retained for filing purposes.)
    - ☐ Add the claims shown on the  
amendment. (Claims added have been  
numbered consecutively following the  
highest numbered original claims.)
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
14. ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior appln.  
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired.
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(If foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Other:

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/905,570

Prior application information: Examiner: Tran, Khoa H. Group/Art Unit: 3634

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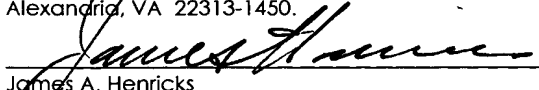
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	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2 - 3	-0-	\$ 42.00	\$00.00
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				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$ 375.00
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				TOTAL =	\$ 375.00

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- a. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
  - b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
  - c. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.
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